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DISPATCH NO. MGL-A-9872

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TO : Chief, Foreign Division W

DATE 9 Jan 1952

FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

SUBJECT: GENERAL-- Name Trace Request

SPECIFIC-- FENSKE, Karl-Heinz

REF: MGL-A-9873

1. FENSKE, Karl-Heinz, was born 9 Dec 1912 as a Volksdeutscher in Bromberg. He lives at present in Berlin-Schlachtensee, Elvira Steig 4a.

2. Up to 1936, subject worked as a painter and was concerned with graphics and photography. During the period 1936 to 1939, FENSKE, acted as a journalist for German papers in Poland. He was employed in the Propaganda Department of the Gouvernement General in Cracow from 1940 to 1945. Subject has been working for the Nord-Westdeutsche Rundfunk in Berlin since 1950.

3. Subject acquired automatically Polish citizenship in 1920, but became again a German in 1939. He is married and has three children.

4. Subject was arrested by the NKWD in Ballenstedt in Feb 1946 and was held until May 1946, apparently following a denunciation, due to the fact that his profession had been given in the birth certificate of his youngest son as "Hauptschriftleiter." He apparently was able to convince the Soviets that he had chosen the designation of "Hauptschriftleiter" because he had been editor of a German newspaper in Bromberg prior to 1939 and that his name had not been contained in the writers list, given out by the Propaganda Ministry. He was able to conceal the fact that he had worked in the Press Section of the Gouvernement General.

5. Subject escaped from Ballenstedt in autumn 1949 and went to Berlin.

6. Personalia : Height 185 cm, face broad, eyes brown, hair dark-blond.

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